

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A form processing system comprising:
  - a database for storing a plurality of unpopulated form data;
  - a server adapted to communicate with a plurality of reception devices; and
  - a processing application connected to said database, wherein said processing application is adapted to:
    - receive form-request data from a first one of said plurality of reception devices, said form-request data corresponding to a first unpopulated-form data;
    - provide said first unpopulated-form data to said first one of said plurality of reception devices;
    - receive at least one field data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices, said at least one field data corresponding to at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data;
    - store said at least one field data uncombined with said first unpopulated-form data in said database;
    - receive form-request data from a second one of said plurality of reception devices, said form-request data corresponding to a second unpopulated-form data;
    - provide said second unpopulated-form data to said second one of said plurality of reception devices;
    - receive at least one field data from said second one of said plurality of reception devices, said at least one field data corresponding to at least one field within said second unpopulated-form data;

generate a second populated-form data by populating at least one field within a said second unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices and at least one additional field within said second unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data from said second one of said plurality of reception devices; and

provide said second populated-form data to at least one of said plurality of reception devices, wherein said at least one of said plurality of reception devices is selected from a group of reception devices consisting of said first one of said plurality of reception devices, said second one of said plurality of reception devices and any other one of said plurality of reception devices.

2. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said first and second unpopulated-form data further comprises a PDF format.

3. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said form-request data further comprises a first form-request data and a second form-request data, wherein said first form-request data corresponds to an unpopulated-form type and said second form-request data corresponds to said first unpopulated-form data.

4. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 3, wherein said unpopulated-form type is selected from a list consisting of legal forms, medical forms, and vocational rehabilitation forms.

5. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said at least one field data is selected from a list consisting of social security number, employee name, case title, and case number.

6. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to receive submit data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices before said processing application stores said at least one field data in said database.

7. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to receive field-identification data and form-request data from said at least one of said plurality of reception devices, said field-identification data and said form-request data corresponding to one of said at least one field data and said second unpopulated-form data, respectively.

8. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said field-identification data is selected from a list consisting of social security number, employee name, case title, and case number.

9. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to:

generate a first populated-form data by populating said at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data; and

provide said first populated-form data to said first one of said plurality of reception devices.

10. (Currently amended) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to:

receive distribution data from said first one of said plurality of said reception devices, said distribution data corresponding to at least one other one of said plurality of reception devices;

generate a first populated-form data by populating said at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data; and

~~provided~~ provide said first populated-form data to said at least one other one of said plurality of reception devices;

11. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 10, wherein said first populated-form data is provided via email.

12. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 10, wherein said at least one other one of said plurality of reception devices further comprises a fax machine.

13. (Currently amended) The form processing system of Claim 10, wherein said processing application is further adapted to provide a proof-of-service form to said at least one other one of said plurality of reception devices, ~~said proof-of-service form satisfying legal requirements associated with the delivery of said unpopulated form data populated with said at least one field data.~~

14. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 13, wherein said proof-of-service form is provided via email.

15. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to receive user-account data from said at least one of said plurality of reception devices, said user-account data corresponding to a membership status of a user operating said at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

16. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to receive state-designation data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices, said state-designation data being used by said processing application to provide said first one of said plurality of reception devices with unpopulated-form data pertaining to a particular state.

17. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to receive search-criteria data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices, said search-criteria data being used by said processing application to search for data stored in said database.

18. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 17, wherein said data is selected from a list consisting of unpopulated-form data, code data, regulation data, bulletin-board data, and flow-chart data.

19. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to:

receive calculation-request data and at least one new-field data from said at least one of said plurality of reception devices, said calculation-request data corresponding to at least one calculated value;

calculate said at least one calculated value using at least said at least one new-field data; and

provide said at least one calculated value to said at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

20. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 1, wherein said processing application is further adapted to:

receive calculation-request data and field-identification data from said at least one of said plurality of reception devices, said calculation-request data and said field-identification data corresponding to at least one calculated value and one of said at least one field data, respectively;

calculate said at least one calculated value using at least one field data linked with said one of said at least one field data; and

provide said at least one calculated value to said at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

21. (Original) The form processing system of Claim 19, wherein said processing application is further adapted to request additional-field data, wherein said at least one calculated value is calculated using said at least one field data linked with said one of said at least one field data and said additional-field data.

22. (Currently amended) A method for processing forms comprising the steps of:

receiving form-request data from a first reception device, said form-request data corresponding to a first unpopulated-form data;

providing said first unpopulated-form data to said first reception device;

receiving at least one field data from said first reception device, said at least one field data corresponding to at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data;

storing said at least one field data uncombined with said first unpopulated-form data;

receiving form-request data from a second one of said plurality of reception devices, said form-request data corresponding to a second unpopulated-form data;

providing said second unpopulated-form data to said second one of said plurality of reception devices;

receiving at least one field data from said second one of said plurality of reception devices, said at least one field data corresponding to at least one field within said second unpopulated-form data;

generating a second populated-form data by populating at least one field within a said second unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data from said first one of said plurality of reception devices and at least one additional field within said second unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data from said second one of said plurality of reception devices; and

providing said second populated-form data to at least one of a plurality of reception devices, wherein said plurality of reception devices consists of said first reception device, said second one of said plurality of reception devices and at least one other reception device.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein said steps of providing said first and second unpopulated-form data further comprises providing said first and second unpopulated-form data in a PDF format.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein said step of receiving form-request data further comprises receiving a first form-request data and a second form-request data; wherein said first form-request data corresponds to an unpopulated-form type and said second form-request data corresponds to said first unpopulated-form data.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein said step of receiving said first form-request data further comprises receiving data corresponding to one of a plurality of unpopulated-form types consisting of legal forms, medical forms, and vocational rehabilitation forms.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein said step of receiving said at least one field data further comprises receiving at least one data from a plurality of field data consisting of social security number, employee name, case title, and case number.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving submit data before said at least one field data is stored.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving field-identification data and form-request data from said at least one of a plurality of reception devices, wherein said field-identification data and said form-request data correspond to one of said at least one field data and said second unpopulated-form data, respectively.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of receiving field-identification data further comprising receiving one data from a plurality of field data consisting of social security number, employee name, case title, and case number.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the steps of:  
generating a first populated-form data by populating said at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data; and  
providing said first populated-form data to said first reception device.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving distribution data from said first reception device, said distribution data corresponding to at least one other reception device;  
generating a first populated-form data by populating said at least one field within said first unpopulated-form data with said at least one field data; and  
providing said first populated-form data to said at least one other reception device.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein said step of providing said first populated-form data further comprising providing said first populated-form data to said at least one other reception device via email.

33. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of providing a proof-of-service form to said at least one other reception device; ~~said proof of service form satisfying legal requirements associated with the delivery of said first unpopulated form data populated with said at least one field data.~~

34. (Original) The method of Claim 33, wherein said step of providing said proof-of-service form further comprises providing said proof-of-service form to said at least one other reception device via email.

35. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving user-account data from said at least one of a plurality of reception devices, said user-account data corresponding to a membership status of a user operating said at least one of a plurality of reception devices.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of receiving state-designation data from a first reception device, said state-designation data being used to provide said first reception device with a list of unpopulated-form data pertaining to a particular state.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving search-criteria data from said first reception device; and  
searching for data pertaining to said search-criteria data.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 37, wherein said step of searching for said data further comprises searching for at least one data from a plurality of data consisting of unpopulated-form data, code data, regulation data, bulletin-board data, and flow-chart data.

39. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving calculation-request data and at least one new-field data from said at least one of a plurality of reception devices, said calculation-request data corresponding to at least one calculated value;  
calculating said at least one calculated value using at least said at least one new-field data; and  
providing said at least one calculated value to said at least one of a plurality of reception devices.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving calculation-request data and field-identification data from said at least one of a plurality of reception devices, said calculation-request data and said field-identification data corresponding to at least one calculated value and one of said at least one field data, respectively;  
calculating said at least one calculated value using at least one field data linked to said one of said at least one field data; and  
providing said at least one calculated value to said at least one of a plurality of reception devices.

41. (Original) The method of Claim 40, further comprising the step of requesting additional-field data, wherein said step of calculating said at least one field data further comprises calculating said at least one calculated value using said at least one field data linked to said one of said at least one field data and said additional-field data.